

HOUSE RESOLUTION 201
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. K. C. Dodson, former
Director of Research and Legislation for the
Tennessee Farm Bureau.

WHEREAS, farming is a very important part of the Tennessee economy and it is fitting that individuals who have contributed significantly to promoting farming be specially recognized and commended by the representatives of our state; and

WHEREAS, one such stellar individual is K. C. Dodson, former director of research and legislation for the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, who worked diligently for this fine organization for 35 productive years, promoting the best interests of Tennessee farmers; and

WHEREAS, a native of Warren County, Mr. Dodson was active in Future Farmers of America and the 4-H before graduating from the University of Tennessee, where he majored in agricultural economics and animal husbandry; and

WHEREAS, upon his graduation, he worked for a short time as state cotton auditor for the AAA, then accepted a position with the Farm Security Administration in Henry County. In 1940 Mr. Dodson became administrative assistant in the state FSA Office; and

WHEREAS, after serving his country bravely as a member of the United States Air Force for 3 1/2 years, he returned to work for the FSA in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, from 1946 to early 1950, Mr. Dodson worked for the Veterans Administration as supervisor of the Nashville training unit; in February, 1950, he was

elevated to senior agricultural training officer and was in charge of the Veterans On-The-Farm Training Program for Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he began working for the Farm Bureau in September, 1950, and retired from his official duties on October 1, 1980. He continued to serve the bureau as a consultant on legislative matters until June 1, 1984; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dodson was primarily responsible for the Farm Bureau's legislative program and worked closely with the state legislature when it was in session. He also had responsibilities in the national legislative program of the bureau and coordinated efforts of the county organizations to implement both national and state bureau policies; and

WHEREAS, his research duties involved preparation of highly informative materials and background data in Farm Bureau issues. He served admirably on numerous statewide committees and legislative studies related to his responsibilities with the organization; and

WHEREAS, during his employment with the Farm Bureau, Mr. Dodson served expertly on many study and evaluation committees dealing with water resources, air and water pollution programs, taxes, education, state governmental economic studies, as well as many agricultural committees and legislative groups; and

WHEREAS, among the many pieces of legislation which he successfully guided to passage were the Question Three Property Tax Amendment, classifying property for tax purposes and bills to exempt agricultural production items from the sales tax, a seasonal exemption for fertilizer hauling, establishment of the Animal Diseases Diagnostic Laboratory, the establishment of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, increasing the state inheritance tax exemption from \$11,000 to \$60,000, livestock auction market regulations, licensing livestock dealers to aid in tracing and

identifying diseased hogs and cattle for disease eradication and control, and the Agricultural Forestry and Open Space Act; and

WHEREAS, because of these notable accomplishments, Mr. Dodson was selected by the Associated Press as the state's most effective lobbyist in 1979 and was chosen "Man of the Year" in Tennessee Agriculture by *Progressive Farmer Magazine* in 1981; and

WHEREAS, the Governor appointed him as one of the original seven members of the Tennessee Forestry Commission and he served admirably on the commission for two terms, being a strong supporter of the promotion of good forestry practices; and

WHEREAS, he has generously contributed his time and talent to many civic enterprises including service as president of the local Kiwanis Club and as lieutenant governor of Kiwanis International Tennessee District, 18th Division; as president of the local University of Tennessee Alumni Chapter, president of the General Alumni Chapter of U. T. and national chairman of the U. T. Alumni Annual Giving program; as member of the advisory Board of Maury County Hospital; as vice-president and member of the board of directors of the Columbia-Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce; as an advisory director on the board of directors of the First Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Columbia and as a member of the board of King Daughters School for the Mentally Handicapped; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, he has actively supported the First United Methodist Church of Columbia, having served as chairman, vice-chairman and as a member of the administrative board; and

WHEREAS, he was married to the former Virginia Hinton, who died in 1976. They had two children, Julianne Dodson and Charles Richard Dodson. He has been married to the former Polly Prosser Sanders since May, 1981; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to honor this giant of the farming profession; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor Mr. K. C. Dodson and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copy.